Inclusion of Tulu Language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution

3036. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent proposal for inclusion of Tulu language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the proposal; and

(c) by when the Tulu language would by included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. A decision on the pending demands for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule, including Tulu, will be taken in the light of the recommendations of the Committee. A decision on the subject involves careful consideration of the issues involved and no time-frame can be indicated at this stage.

Setting up of mega power projects of NCES

3037. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the viable non-conventional energy sources State/region-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government set up some mega projects of non-conventional energy sources in the States such as Tamil Nadu that have almost exhausted conventional and affordable power generation resources such as hydel power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State-wise details of estimated potential of each renewable energy source are given in the Statement *(See* below).